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For: POLYPEPTIDE CLEAVAGE METHOD USING OmpT PROTEASE VARIANT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

In response to the FINAL Office Action mailed October 1, 2010, the Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. Applicants petition herewith for a ONE-month extension of time and submit the corresponding fee, extending the period of response until February 1, 2011.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.